

YANKEES IN BIG GUN DUEL NEAR VERDUN

Bombard Conflans Railroad
and a Large Troop Con-
centration.

FIGHT AT BELLEU WOOD
Americans Hold Position—Re-
pulse Counter Attack
Near Waveille.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTH WEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 29.—The American troops improved their positions today in the region of Alincville and east of the Meuse. The artillery was very active on both sides, the Germans using

heavy guns from various parts of the front shelling Verdun, which now is almost a daily occurrence.

Around Wavrille the Germans attempted a local counter attack but were repulsed. An officer and four German privates were taken prisoner.

There was fierce fighting near Bellefleur Wood, which the Americans hold.

The American guns replied to the enemy batteries around Bois L'Eclair, Reville and Chaumont. The Germans also shelled Bantheville and Cunel.

Fires burned most of the day in the neighborhood of Dun, Andre, Andevaux and Douillon, which are believed to have been caused by American bombs or shells. There are no indications that the Germans are withdrawing.

The Americans have consolidated

The American big guns crashed down on the main line of the railroad in the region of Confians to-day and also shelled a large enemy troop concentration in the neighborhood of Mangienne.

When a troop concentration was reported in the region of Bois de Villers and Mangiennes the guns were turned in that direction, hurling projectiles weighing approximately 1,500 pounds each.

At intervals also the big guns inside the American lines shelled the territory around Salencourt and Doumargue.

The artillery fire on the Verdun front was heavy to-day and there was much machine gun fire, as well as west of the Meuse, especially north of St. Juvin.

DISCUSS AFTER WAR WORK.

Council of Foreign Relations See
Harden on American

About fifty men prominent in the commercial and financial life of the nation attended a meeting at the Metropolitan Club last night of the Council of Foreign Relations and discussed problems of reconstruction that will have to be faced in France, Belgium and Italy after the war. Frank H. Stimson, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Company, presided and said that undoubtedly this country was the only place

Mr. Slison said this country was possessed of all the things required for replacing Belgium and France industrially and that America's new merchant marine would play an important part in the work. "In facing the tremendously large and vital reconstruction problems of our three gallant allies," he said, "we need

Among the other speakers were Louis Chevallier, a French engineer; E. H. Haekeland, a Belgian who has lived in this country many years; Vittorio Felton, representing the Italian Ambassador, who said Italy would look to this country to replace four billion marks of German capital that had been withdrawn since the war.

Sues to Dissolve Trust Fund.

Because of alleged lack of funds to maintain herself and family Mrs. Mabel Arey Ludlam of 545 West Eleventh street brought suit yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Gayman to have dissolved a trust fund of \$110,000.

ated by her father, the late Henry W. Arey, a Philadelphia lawyer. Mrs. Lam has pending in the Chicago courts another action to recover \$200,000 of her inheritance. She promised to create a new trust when she gets this latter amount.

Age Group	Percentage of respondents
18-29	~65%
30-49	~75%
50-69	~80%
70+	~85%

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